

Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund Review Criteria

Guidance for new project applications.

The criteria presented below will be used to help rank projects. Rankings do not guarantee funding, but do allow projects to be compared, determine priorities, and provide justification for those that are selected or rejected for implementation and funding. Projects ranked using Part 1 (a and b) will compete for funding. Final project selection or rejection is determined by the State Duck Stamp Committee, and must be approved by the IDNR Director.

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520 ILCS 5/1.29. Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund (excerpts)

- 1) *25% of funds derived from the sale of State Migratory Waterfowl Stamps and 100% of all gifts, donations, grants and bequests of money for the conservation and propagation of waterfowl, for projects approved by the Department for the purpose of attracting waterfowl and improving public migratory waterfowl areas within the State, and for payment of the costs of printing State migratory waterfowl stamps, the expenses incurred in acquiring State waterfowl stamp designs and the expenses of producing reprints. These projects may include the repair, maintenance and operation of public migratory waterfowl areas only in emergencies as determined by the State Duck Stamp Committee.*
(Projects in this category; proceed to **Part 1.**)
- 2) *25% of funds derived from the sale of State migratory waterfowl stamps will be turned over by the Department to appropriate non-profit organizations for the development of waterfowl propagation areas within the Dominion of Canada or the United States that specifically provide waterfowl for the Mississippi Flyway.*
(Projects in this category; proceed to **Part 2.**)
- 3) *25% of funds derived from the sale of State migratory waterfowl stamps shall be turned over by the Department to appropriate non-profit organizations to be used for the implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. These funds shall be used for the development of waterfowl areas within the Dominion of Canada or the United States that specifically provide waterfowl for the Mississippi Flyway.*
(Projects in this category; proceed to **Part 2.**)
- 4) *25% of funds derived from the sale of State Migratory waterfowl stamps shall be available for use by the Department for internal administrative costs of the Department and for the maintenance of waterfowl habitat, including the replacement, repair, operation, and maintenance of pumps and levees used for water management on public migratory waterfowl areas within the State.*

Application Year _____

Project Title _____

Applicant _____

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Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund Review Criteria

Part 2. Waterfowl habitat projects outside of Illinois.

1. Habitat Quality and Location

- 25 = Habitat is high quality, meets the needs of waterfowl as outlined by NAWMP, and is in a location which band return data indicate provides a high number of waterfowl to Illinois (meets all 3 criteria).
- 15 = Habitat is high quality, but either does not meet the needs of waterfowl as outlined by NAWMP, or is not in a location that provides a high number of waterfowl to Illinois (meets 2 of 3 criteria), although may provide waterfowl to the Mississippi Flyway.
- 10 = Meets one of three criteria listed above, high quality habitat, meets the needs of waterfowl as outlined by NAWMP or is in a location that provides a high number of waterfowl to Illinois (meets 1 of 3 criteria) and the Mississippi Flyway.
- 0 = Meets none of the criteria, high quality habitat, meets the needs of waterfowl as outlined by NAWMP, nor is in an area that provides a high number of waterfowl to Illinois (meets 0 of 3 criteria) or the Mississippi Flyway.
Project Not Recommended for Funding.

2. Applicant History and Specialization (Applicants limited to Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl Foundation)

- 25 = The applicant has a demonstrable history of grassland and wetland conservation in areas of Canada that provide a high number of waterfowl to Illinois. The applicant's primary focus is on waterfowl conservation.
- 20 = The applicant has a demonstrable history of grassland and wetland conservation in areas of Canada that do not provide a high number of waterfowl to Illinois, but do provide waterfowl to the Mississippi Flyway. The applicant's primary focus is on waterfowl conservation.
- 15 = The applicant has a demonstrable history of grassland and wetland conservation in areas of Canada that provide a high number of waterfowl to Illinois. The applicant's primary focus is not on waterfowl conservation.
- 0 = The applicant does not have a history of grassland and wetland conservation in Canada, nor has a primary focus on waterfowl conservation.
Project Not Recommended for Funding.

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3. Overall Value

- 25 = Applicant has a demonstrable history (>5 years) of being able to use Illinois Duck Stamp funds, or similar, to leverage additional funds and increase the overall value of projects and the impact of Illinois' funds. Description of how funds will be leveraged and approximate total included in application.
- 20 = Applicant has a demonstrable history (1 to 5 years) of being able to use Illinois Duck Stamp funds, or similar, to leverage additional funds and increase the overall value of the project and the impact of Illinois' funds. Description of how funds will be leveraged and approximate total is included in application.
- 15 = Applicant has a demonstrable history (1 to 5 years) of being able to use Illinois Duck Stamp funds, or similar, to leverage additional funds and increase the overall value of the project and the impact of Illinois' funds. Description of how funds will be leveraged and approximate total is not included in application.
- 0 = Applicant is not able to demonstrate being able to use Illinois Duck Stamp funds, or similar, to leverage additional funds. Project Not Recommended for Funding.

4. Funds Leveraged

- 25 = Illinois Duck Stamp funds will be leveraged at a ratio of 4:1 or greater
- 15 = Illinois Duck Stamp funds will be leveraged at a ratio of 2:1 but less than 4:1
- 10 = Illinois Duck Stamp funds will be leveraged at a ratio of 1:1 but less than 2:1
- 5 = Illinois Duck Stamp funds will not be leveraged

Total: _____/100